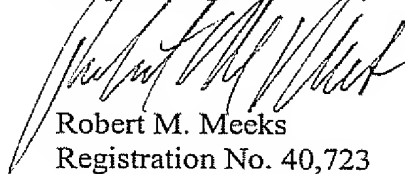


REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination provided in the final Office Action mailed March 31, 2006 (hereinafter "Final Action") and the Advisory Action mailed July 5, 2006 (hereinafter "Advisory Action"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of Claims 40-44 and 48-50 maintained in the Advisory Action but, in order to expedite allowance and issue of the present application, Applicants have amended Claim 45 to independent form incorporating the recitations of Claim 40 from which it depended and have amended Claims 48 and 49 to depend from amended Claim 45. Applicants have canceled Claims 40-44 without prejudice toward pursuing the claimed subject matter in a continuing application. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments, as they introduce no new matter, raise no new issues requiring new consideration and/or search, and place Claims 45-50 in condition for allowance based on the indication in the Final Action of the allowability of the subject matter of Claims 45-47. The remaining claims have been allowed.

As all of the claims are in condition for allowance, Applicants request allowance of the claims and passing of the application to issue in due course. Applicants encourage the Examiner to resolve any outstanding issues by contacting the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

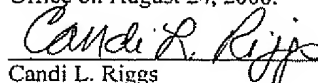


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